

# How Benton Stands On The Beef Trust

The following letter from J. H. Mercer, secretary of the Kansas State Live Stock Association to Otis L. Benton and his reply shows how the latter stands on the question of the beef trust.

Oberlin, Kan., Nov. 5, 1915.  
Hon. Otis L. Benton,  
Oberlin, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Benton:  
I am expecting to attend a conference of representatives of the various business interests of the country at Chicago on November 15th and 16th. I have selected for my subject, "Daily fluctuation in live stock at market centers compared with the daily fluctuation of the finished products."

I have compiled a report of the market at Kansas Kansas City, from May 1st to November 1st, as shown by the Drovers' Daily Telegram, and in order to complete the information I want I am writing to several of the large shippers of our association and asking them for a statement of their shipments during this time, showing the variations in prices they received for the cattle they shipped. I wish you would give me a letter of this kind and any information you might want concerning the subject.

I will use your name in my statement, if you have no objection, but will not do so if you would rather I would not.

Please write me at your earliest convenience as I will want your letter to assist in completing the outline of the subject. Yours truly,

J. H. MERCER, Sec'y.



Oberlin, Kan., Nov. 12, 1915.  
Hon. J. H. Mercer, Secretary,  
Topeka, Kan.

My Dear Mr. Mercer:  
Absence has prevented my replying to your letter of the 5th instant. In March of this year, I sold 100 head of cattle on the Kansas City market for \$7.20 per cwt. that lost me \$20 per head. In June of this year I sold 200 head of cattle on the Kansas City market which brought me \$9.30 per cwt. and made me some money. The consumer who bought beef for his wife and babies paid practically the same price for beef in March as he did in June. It is a rank injustice to the producers of this country that there should be such a variation and if it can be remedied in any way without legislation, I would like to see it done, but I am in favor of stringent laws, and if we can find that the price of the products of the soil are being controlled unlawfully by a body of men, I am in favor of the passage of a law that will end with a fine, but will give a jail sentence. The mere cash penalty for violation of the law is in no wise beneficial and accomplishes little or no good to the producers. I do not wish in this letter to make the charge that the price of beef and pork is being controlled by a combination of men, but from my experience in marketing live stock from this part of Kansas, I must admit that I feel very suspicious, and I am in favor of all honest and legitimate means that will give us an open and free market, with competition amongst the buyers on a legitimate and honorable basis.

Truly Yours,

OTIS L. BENTON.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo,  
Lucas County, ss.  
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

(SEAL) A. W. GLEASON,

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# MEN WHO LEAD IN STATE AFFAIRS

The Story of two Kansans who Started at the Bottom—Arthur Capper and Otis L. Benton.

EARNED 50 CENTS A DAY

Native Kansans are Setting a Standard in Good Citizenship—Real State Builders.

By D. O. McCRAE.

Do you recall the day when you earned your first fifty cents? How many successful men in Kansas started in life by working for four bits a day? The inspiring history of the commonwealth is woven into the life story of hundreds of her most successful citizens. The pioneers who came fifty and sixty years ago are the historians of the state who recount with accuracy its wonderful growth and advancement. They, too, have watched the careers of men, who, in all the walks of life, have come up from the humblest beginnings to places of honor and trust in business affairs and in the service of the state.

To the pioneers it does not seem far back to 1879, when Kansas had almost reached the million mark in population, yet in that year Arthur Capper, the governor of the state, was earning fifty cents per day when not attending school, working in a printing office at Garnett. Sweeping out the shop, in the forms on a Washington hand press, distributing the type back into the case wet with eating lye, and setting it up again letter by letter into the week's news for the next issue, constituted the routine labor for which Governor Capper received the princely wage of fifty cents per day. His phenomenal success as a publisher in the past twenty years is due to just two things: first, he has labored fifteen hours a day looking after every detail of his business, and second, he has brought to his aid the intelligence and efficiency that counts in a great enterprise—an army of loyal, untiring, conscientious men and women workers. Governor Capper's life story is a complete refutation of the oft-repeated assertion that "the poor man has no chance in the world." Rather it is proof that any boy may rise to a commanding place in business affairs, or to a high station in the service of his state if he will work hard and stand for ideals and principles that build into the life of a community the highest type of citizenship.

The position Kansas occupies today among states of the union is due to the standard set by the pioneers and by the example of her men and women who have led and are leading in every movement for the betterment of humanity. The native Kansans whose early lives were encompassed with poverty and adverse conditions so general in the early settlement of the state, have been a forceful and dominating factor in every community. Their useful lives and their example have been an inspiration that is guiding and directing the young men and women of Kansas in their advocacy of the ideals that bring happiness to the home and prosperity to the state.

These thoughts were impressed upon my mind a few days ago in a visit I enjoyed with Mr. A. C. Merritt, whose home, Hill Crest, is near the Rochester school, two miles from North Topeka. Mr. Merritt is a member of one of the oldest and most respected families of Kansas. He, with his brother, James S. Merritt, remembered so well by the old-time citizens and politicians, located at Louisville, Pottawatomie county, in 1876 and engaged in the milling business. In 1882 Mr. Merritt represented the western district of Pottawatomie county in the legislature. It was about the early days in Pottawatomie that we talked.

"I cannot recall when I learned my first fifty cents," Mr. Merritt said, "but I remember of paying a Kansas boy the first half dollar he ever earned in wages. And I never paid a wage so willingly, for his first day's work around the mill convinced me that he was the kind of boy who would grow into a useful man. This prediction made nearly forty years ago about Otis L. Benton has been more than verified."

"It was this way: Otis lived with his parents in the little town. Before coming to Louisville they resided on a homestead out in Vienna township, whose principal improvement was a log house, where Otis was born. The father, Almon Benton, came to Jefferson county in 1858, and to Pottawatomie in 1860. The people were all poor in those days and the hard times made it necessary to conserve every dollar. Mr. Benton owned a hardware store and the family kept a little hotel as a sideline. Otis was a mere boy."

"One day he came to me and asked me to employ him to run errands and do odd jobs about the mill. 'I want to make some money for myself,' he said, 'and as my father needs every dollar he can make for his business, I feel that I ought to earn the money to buy the clothes I will need when I start to school.' I needed a boy about the mill and this appeal from Otis Benton settled the matter of his employment if we could agree upon terms. I asked

him if he thought fifty cents a day would be fair and he said it would be, and he went to work.

"As the twig is bent, the tree's inclined," Mr. Merritt said. "In his youth Otis L. Benton was different from many boys. It was his way. He did not join in the habits of others that lead to wasted lives and idleness; he constantly was thinking of how he could honor and comfort his parents, work and earn money and secure an education. These traits of character implanted in his youthful mind by Christian parents were seeds sown that germinated, grew and ripened into a useful life. For Otis L. Benton has made a record and a place in the history of Kansas that entitles him to recognition among the leaders in state building, and among those who have made the good fight for prohibition, equal suffrage and the high ideals that exalt Kansas citizenship. Mr. Benton is the type of man, who, through their own industry and indomitable energy, face adversity bravely and fight on until success is achieved. His has been a useful life; his service to his people in congress would be devoted and faithful."

# PARENTS SHOULD VISIT WITH THEIR CHILDREN

Otis L. Benton Makes Children His Chums—Sixth District an Empire.

In a recent interview Mr. Benton said it had been a great pleasure to him to travel over the Sixth district and meet the people face to face and discuss the problems that will come before congress in which they will be vitally interested. Mr. Benton said it also gave him a good chance to get acquainted with his son in the various trips to the twenty-two counties of the district. He said:

"I have been getting acquainted with my youngest son this summer, as he has been my driver in going over the Sixth congressional district. The main reason for making this preliminary campaign quite so early was so that Harwood, my son, could be with me and go clear around before he had to return to college. Do you know that I believe parents should get acquainted with their own children? If fathers and mothers would visit more with their sons and daughters; try to remain young and see the difficult problems that the younger people have to solve; command their friendship and confidence, and have a mutual understanding all the time, it would go a long way toward solving the child problem which is proving so troublesome in many ways. I have had a most delightful summer, studying geography and shaking hands and meeting face to face the best people under the shining sun."

"Why, do you know that the Sixth congressional district has as many square miles as Belgium? It is an empire, and every foot of its vast domain is valuable and the possibilities of development in northwestern Kansas are something wonderful."

# OTIS L. BENTON'S FIRST BUSINESS VENTURE.

This is a little story that connects our country's natal day with education. It deals with the lemonade stand so essential at a Fourth of July celebration, whose profits were sufficient to finance a Kansas boy through a term at Washburn college.

"It was in 1882 or 1883," United States Senator Charles Curtis said in a talk with some friends in Topeka, "when this Fourth of July celebration was held in the City park, near the Kansas avenue bridge."

Charley Curtis was then a young attorney in the office of A. H. Case. Mr. Case was a brother-in-law of Otis L. Benton, a Pottawatomie county boy who had come to Topeka to work his way through Washburn college. Charley Curtis knew of young Benton's financial straits and suggested that he run a lemonade and ice cream stand on the Fourth of July, assuring him that he could make some money that would help to tide him over a term at Washburn.

The balance of this story of helpfulness to a deserving boy and good friend is best told by Mr. Benton, who, in referring to the matter said:

"Charley Curtis was one of my best customers on that Fourth of July. He spent money liberally with me, and throughout the day brought scores of his friends there, who became my patrons. I know it is due to the interest Charley Curtis took in this business venture of mine to make money to pay my expenses at Washburn, that run my profits of the day up to \$140.60. I shall always remember Charley Curtis as a kind friend, a loyal supporter and an enthusiastic young man whose assistance upon that occasion was appreciated more than I was ever able to express."

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Correct Abstracts W. H. Swiggett ad

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Don't forget that you can get the best and latest styles of wall paper of all kinds at H. W. Finch's.—Adv. 13.

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# FOR SALE—CHEAP

Lots 1 to 8, in block 10—northwest part of the city. Fine building lots. Inquire at this office.—Adv. 33.

Mrs. Ed Brown is on the sick list from an attack of fever.

C. R. Steel, the tonsorial artist, is off duty this week with a case of gripe.

Wm. Lessor and family and his brother Peter, and family of the Blue Ribbon neighborhood, are enjoying a visit from their father who lives in Lincoln county, Kansas.

Theo. Schnase didn't present his wife with a pair of twin boys, Wednesday, but did present here an Overland auto for a Christmas present. It was purchased of Clyde Poffenberger the local agent.

John O'Laughlan, the Hays City auto man was in the city Wednesday, driving an eight cylinder Hollar auto. He was looking for some one to take the agency for the machine in this territory. It is a classy looking car.

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34x38 in.	14.50	\$5.50	38x40 in.	17.50	\$7.50
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# Administrator's Notice

State of Kansas, Trego County, ss. In the Probate Court of said county and state. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of E. F. Bryant, late of Trego County, Kansas, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, Jacob Deutscher by the Probate Court of said county of Trego, bearing date the 17th day of December, 1915. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance, within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate, and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the time of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred. Dated this 17th day of December, A. D. 1915. JACOB DEUTSCHER, Executor.

(First published December 25, 1915)

# Administrator's Notice

State of Kansas, Trego County, ss. In the Probate Court of said county and state. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of E. F. Bryant, late of Trego County, Kansas, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, H. C. Bryant, by the Probate Court of said county of Trego, bearing date of the 20th day of December, 1915. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance, within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate, and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the time of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred. Dated this 20th day of December, A. D. 1915. H. C. BRYANT, Administrator for the estate of E. F. Bryant, deceased.

While at play last Tuesday Thomas Hawkins' little boy fell and dislocated an elbow. Mr. Hawkins lives over the line in Graham county. Dr. Herrick dressed the injured member and the little fellow is getting along nicely.

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# NOTICE

To All Whom It May Concern:

You are hereby notified that I, M. J. Glick,

guardian of the estate of Indiana Whitesell,

deceased, did on the 27th day of November

A. D. 1915, file a petition in the Probate Court

of Trego County, Kansas, praying that I

might be authorized and empowered to sell the

following described land for the care and

support of my said ward.

The southeast quarter of section eleven (11)

in township twelve (12) south, range twenty

one (21) west 6th Principal Meridian, 15th

and situate in Trego County, Kansas.

And said petition will be heard at the office

of the Probate Judge of said county on the